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Dear Josh:

Thank you very much for sending me copies of some of your recent writings. I appreciate this and would be glad to continue receiving copies of your writings in the future as well.

In particular, as regards the question of artificial laboratory syntheses of genes, I am glad you point out how easy it could be for a small scale industrial operation to carry this out. It certainly has been startling to me that the investment that would now be required for setting up a laboratory for synthesis of genes would probably be no more expensive (in fact, could easily be less expensive), ^{than} ~~to~~ what the pharmaceutical houses have probably had to invest to manufacture any one of the synthetic vitamins or hormones.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. Gobind Khorana

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